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Please replace the drawings with the attached formal drawings.



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Please amend Figure 8-11B as shown in the attached replacement sheets.

Applicant submits that the figures are formal. These new drawings are fully supported by the original specification and no new matter has been added.

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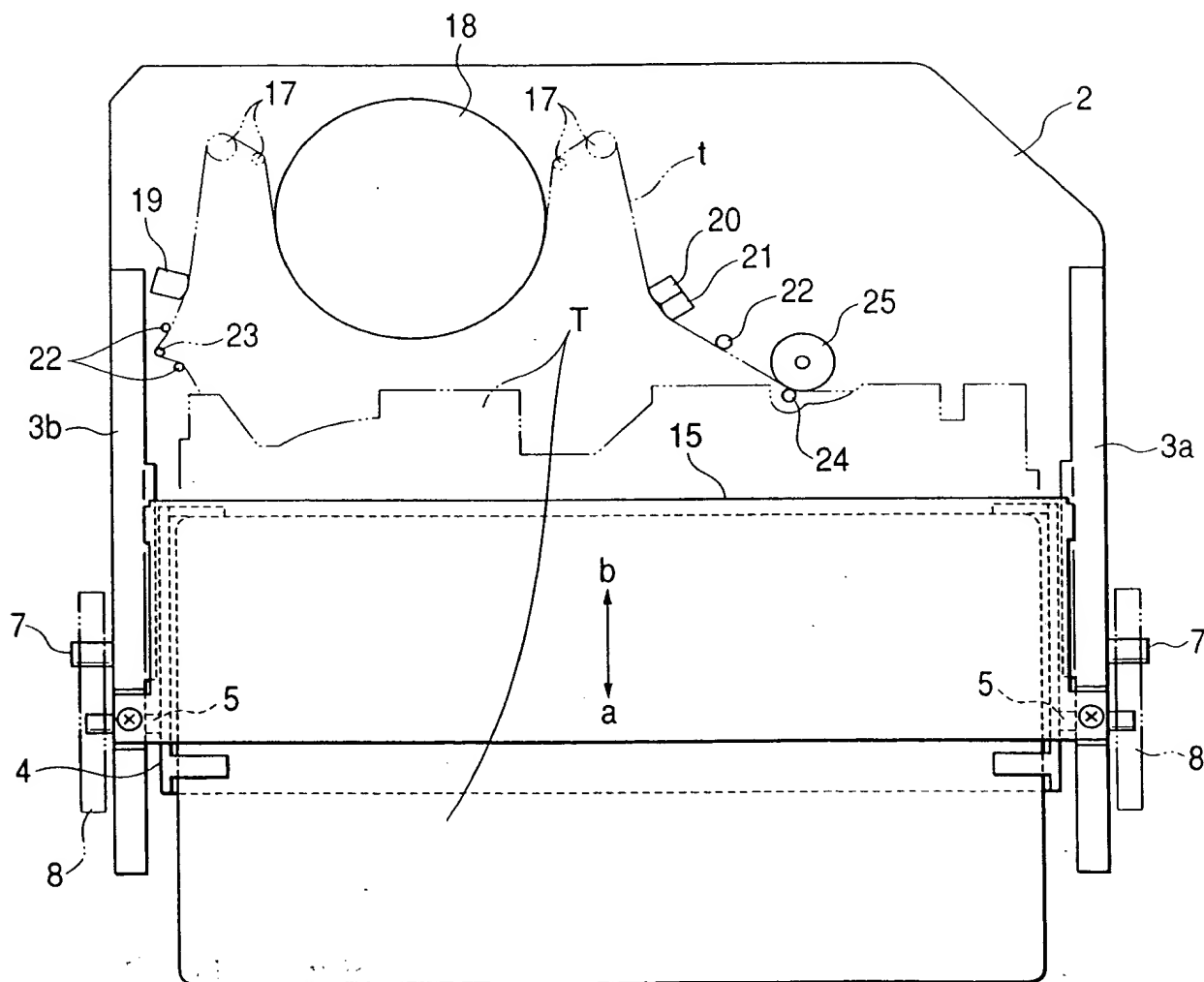
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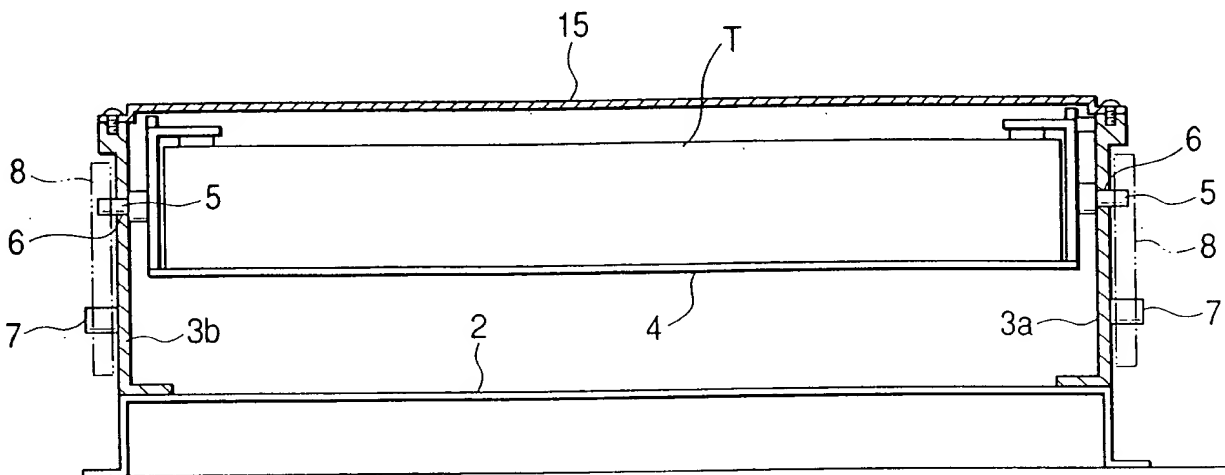
**FIG. 8**  
(Prior Art)



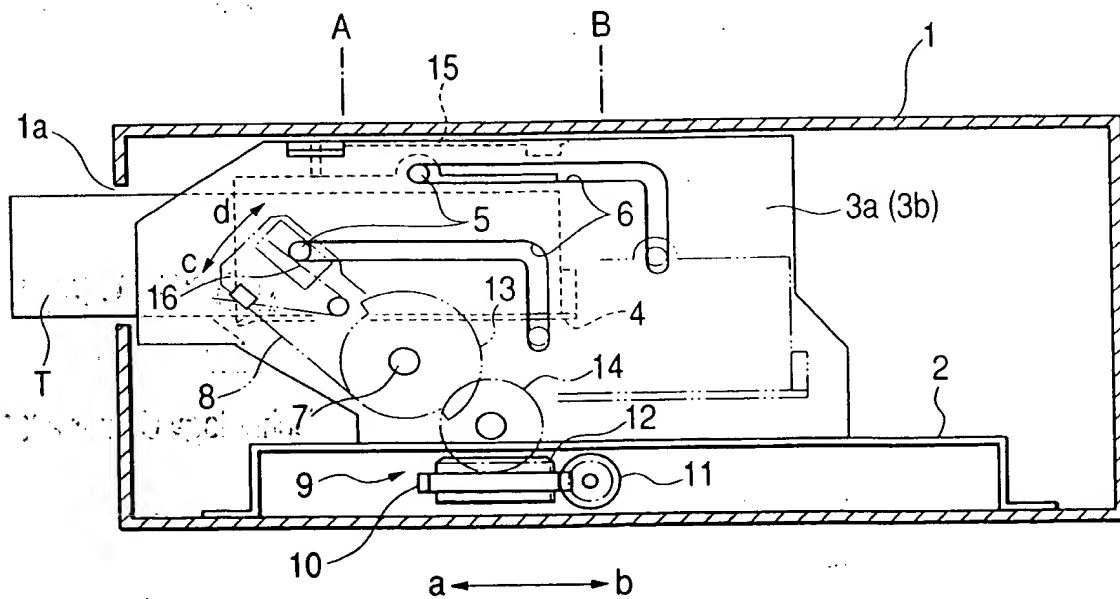
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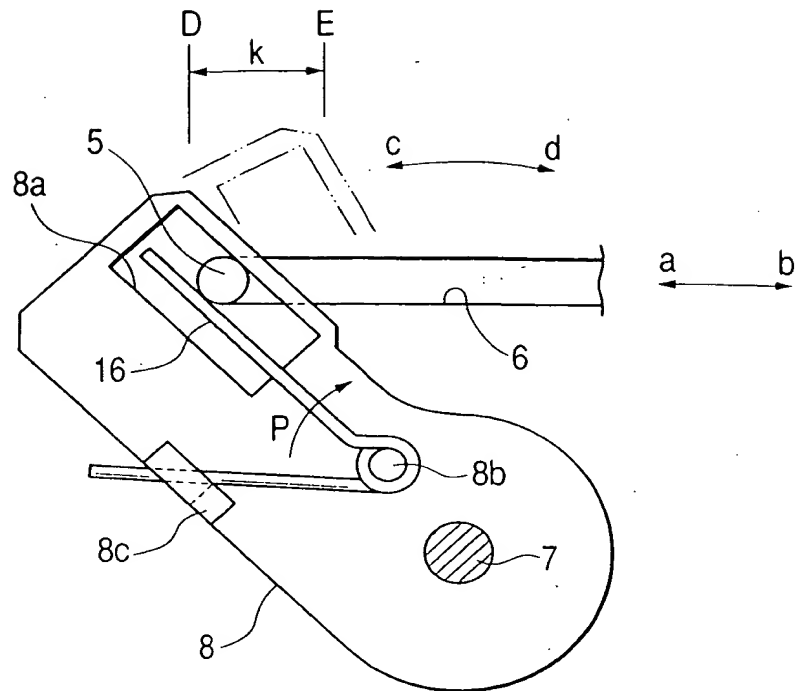
**FIG. 9**  
 (Prior Art)



**FIG. 10**  
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**FIG. 11A**  
(Prior Art)



**FIG. 11B**  
(Prior Art)

